

Assignment 3 (CW) – The Ambiguity of “Right” and “Wrong”

Ethics is about right & wrong. However, the words “right” and “wrong” are ambiguous words.

1. What does the word “ambiguous” mean?
2. What are some of the different meanings of the word “wrong”? (For example, saying that an answer on a math test is wrong is different than saying that murder is wrong, but how so?)
3. What’s the difference between being wrong and being wronged.

4. What is the difference between wrongdoing and wronging?

5. What are some of the different meanings of the word “right”? (For example, doing something in the right way is different than being right about something, but how so?)

6. What is the difference between *doing* something right and *having* a right?

7. What is the difference between having a right to *receive* medical attention and having a right to *give* medical attention?

8. What does it mean for someone *to right a wrong*?

9. Ethics is about a specific kind of right & wrong. Which kind of right & wrong is the focus of ethics?